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1. IN VIEW OF PROBLEMS RECENTLY ENCOUNTERED
IN CONNECTION WITH U. S.- CANADIAN- GERMAN POWER REACTOR
COMPETITION IN ARGENTINA, SCIATT PROMPTLY BROUGHT
UNFORTUNATE CHOICE OF WORDS BY MINISTER MACDONALD (SEE
REFTEL) TO ATTENTION APPROPRIATE SENIOR OFFICIALS OF
ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL BOARD AND ATOMIC ENERGY OF CANADA
LIMITED. BOTH WERE DEEPLY DISMAYED AND EXPRESSED THEIR
OWN REGRETS AND HOPE THAT ITEM WOULD NOT BE PICKED UP BY NEWS
MEDIA. AECB INFORMED MINISTER' S PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANT
OF THEIR CONCERN AND OF THE TRUE SITUATION. PARLIAMENTARY
ASSISTANT IN TURN CONTACTED SCIATT TO OBTAIN AMERICAN
POINT OF VIEW. PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANT WAS INFORMED
THAT ALTHOUGH USG OFFICIALS WERE AWARE OF CORRECT STATE
OF AFFAIRS CONCERNING CONTROL BOARD' S VIEWS, IF PRESS
PICKED MATTER UP, WASHINGTON MIGHT WISH TO ISSUE ITS
OWN STATEMENT.
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